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Failure of crops on the lands under Elundrakondan Periakulam.

* 479 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been failure of crops on both wet and water-rate lands under Elundrakondan Periakulam during three out of the last five faslis;

(*b*) whether there is no plan-marked channel for irrigation of dry lands S. Nos. 39, 48, 52, 55, 56 and 57 and whether irregular irrigation is resorted to for these lands; and

(*c*) whether the grant of water-rate permission in fasli 1340 was warranted by the rules on the subject?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Repairs to 'Chinnakasam' and 'Periakasam' of Perumudu village, Vellore taluk.

* 480 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been made by the villagers of Perumudu village, No. 113, in the Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, to the District Collector of North Arcot and to the Government with regard to the grave and neglected condition of 'Chinnakasam' and 'Periakasam';

(*b*) when were repairs last executed to these kasams; and

(*c*) what is the present condition of these sources of irrigation?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No representations on the subject have been received by the Government. As regards the other points raised in the question, the Government have no information.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"With reference to clause (*a*), may I know whether any enquiries were made of the District Collector, North Arcot, whether representations were received by him?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know the reason why no enquiries were made when a specific question was put on that point?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"It is not within my personal knowledge and I did not think it necessary to enquire. If such representations have been made to the Collector, he will deal with them. If the petitioners are not satisfied with his disposal, they may appeal to the Board of Revenue."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether information will be called for from the Collector as to whether he has disposed of the representation made?"

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" These matters are within the competence of the Collector and the Board of Revenue; but as the hon. Member presses for the information I will obtain it for him. "

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Distribution of lands in Vavveru reserve, Nellore district, to the depressed classes.

* 481 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the distribution of land in Vavveru reserve, in Nellore district, to the depressed classes is;

(*b*) whether the Government are contemplating to sell those lands in public auction; and

(*c*) at what stage the proposal to provide irrigation facilities to that area is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The land will be sold to members of the depressed classes at its market value after the excavation of the Vavveru channel and branches from the Kanigiri reservoir and the purchase price will be recovered in ten equal annual instalments without interest.

(*c*) The Government have approved an estimate amounting to Rs. 41,300 for the work and the provision of funds for it will be considered in framing the Budget for 1932–33.

Publication of the proposals of the Committee appointed to frame amendments to the Madras Estates Land Act.

* 482 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether committees consisting of members of the Legislative Council and others appointed to propose amendments in 1922 and 1924 to the Madras Estates Land Act, submitted any reports or made any proposals;

(*b*) who were the members of the two committees;

(*c*) how long the committees worked;

(*d*) the expenditure incurred in connexion with the committees;

(*e*) whether the Government made use of the reports or proposals of the committees in drafting Bill No. 12 of 1931;

(*f*) whether the reports or the proposals were published; and

(*g*) if not, whether the Government will publish the reports or proposals of the committees?

A.—(*a*) No report was submitted by either of the committees. But their discussions and final decisions on the several amendments to the Estates Land Act are contained in the minutes of their meetings held from time to time. The decisions of the Committee of 1922 have not been separately abstracted; but those of the Committee of 1924 have been abstracted and tabulated.